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What's Happening in the City of Fairfax

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Ad Space Available in *BusinessScene*

The Economic Development Office now offers free advertising space for city businesses in *The Business Scene*, the bi-monthly e-newsletter.

Businesses are responsible for creating their own ads, which will be accepted by the Economic Development Office on a first come, first serve basis.

The BusinessScene is distributed upon request via e-mail, as well as posted on the Economic Development Office page of the city website.

Information: Nicole.Hange@fairfaxva.gov, 703-385-7851.

*Please see page 2 for
the City of Fairfax's
January holiday closure and
refuse/recyclables collection
information.*

If you're new to the city, welcome!
Call 703-385-7800
for new resident information.

Old Town Square Construction Continues; Dedication Set



Old Town Fairfax continues its evolution as construction continues through winter on Old Town Square, a multi-functional plaza in the heart of downtown Fairfax. *Information:* 703-385-7810.

Old Town Square includes brick walkways, a two-tiered plaza, an interactive water feature, a cascading water feature,

expansion of Kitty Pozer Garden, a memorial garden and more.

The city will hold a dedication for Old Town Square on April 18; details to follow.

Don't wait until spring to visit Old Town Fairfax: ample free parking is available, including the Old Town Village parking garage; follow signs or get a parking map on the city website. (Photo: Chris Cohen, City of Fairfax)

New Ordinance Regulates Dog Tethering

The city has enacted a new ordinance on tethering that restricts tethering to a defined time and strictly prohibits tethering under certain circumstances.

Dogs age 4 months and older may be tethered for no more than one hour between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. daily. Dogs who are sick or injured, or younger than 4 months old, may not be tethered. Tethering is not permitted at night.

Dogs may not be tethered for any amount of time if the ambient temperature in the tethering area drops below 32°F or rises past 90°F.

Penalties are \$50 for the first violation

and up to \$250 for subsequent violations. Suspected tethering violations should be reported to the Police Department at 703-385-7924 (or, in case of an emergency, dial 911).

City Code defines tethering as "tying, fastening, chaining, restraining... a companion animal to any fixed or stationery object, device or structure, or to any other object designed to confine and limit the movement of the companion animal."

Previously, the city's laws mirrored the Virginia Code, which provided only broad definitions. Other Virginia cities have implemented stricter policies.

Information: 703-385-7925.

City Government Offices Holiday Closures

New Year's Day — In observance of New Year's Day, city government offices will be closed January 1.

Also closed January 1 are the General District Court (703-385-7866), the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center (703-385-8414) and Historic Blenheim (703-591-0560).

There will be no CUE Bus service January 1 (703-385-7859).

There will be no refuse and recyclables collection service January 1. Those with regular Thursday and Friday collection service should place their items at the curb on Friday, January 2. Information: 703-385-7837.

Lee-Jackson Day — City government offices will be open and services provided as usual on Lee-Jackson Day January 16. However, the General District Court will be closed.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day — City government offices will be closed January 19 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

The General District Court also will be closed January 19.

CUE Bus will run a modified weekday schedule January 19.

The Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center will be open.

There will be no refuse and recyclables collection service January 19. Those with Monday and Tuesday service should place their items at the curb for collection on Tuesday, January 20.

Dog Licenses Due February 1

City dog licenses for 2015 are available for \$5 per year for spayed or neutered dogs and \$10 per year for unaltered dogs. All dogs in the city age 4 months and older must be licensed and vaccinated against rabies. Dogs not wearing a 2015 license tag by February 1 will be in violation of City Code, and owners will be subject to a fine.

Dog owners may purchase multi-year licenses that are valid for the same length of time as the rabies certification.

To obtain a license, owners must present a valid rabies certificate for each dog and, if applicable, a neutered/spayed certificate from the dog's veterinarian (required for first-time licenses only).

Licenses may be purchased in person at the Treasurer's Office in City Hall. Applications also may be submitted on the city's website. Information: 703-385-7900.

The number of dogs allowed on a property depends on the size of the lot. For information, call 703-385-7820. For information on other animal laws, call 703-385-7924.

Stay Informed With Fairfax City Alert

Find out first! Find out fast! Find out about city government activities and services via Fairfax City Alert.

The city offers dozens of topics of interest, covering topics such as government closures, tax payments, special events information, safety messages, scheduled and unscheduled road closures and more.

Enroll today: visit the city website at www.fairfaxva.gov/fairfaxcityalert.

Tax Prep Assistance Available from City, VITA, AARP, TCE

The Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue provides qualified city residents with free assistance preparing and filing federal, state and estimated tax returns February 16 through April 14 in City Hall. To make an appointment, call 703-385-7880.

AARP TaxAide and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) offer free federal tax return assistance to low- and moderate-income persons of any age from February 1 through April 15 at multiple drop-in locations throughout the area. Information: (888) AARP-NOW.

The IRS offers options for military

personnel and elderly taxpayers. Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) provides free tax help for people age 60 and older. Military personnel may get free tax help through the Armed Forces Tax Council. Information: (800) 829-1040.

Spend an Evening Under the Stars at Mason

Stargazers, check out the scope at George Mason University via *Evenings Under the Stars*. Held at the Fairfax campus observatory (usually when school is in session), these free public events include talks followed by an opportunity to peer through the school's telescopes with world-class astronomers. Information: GMU Observatory website (<https://cos.gmu.edu/observatory/>).

Senior Center, Parks, Classes Follow FCPS Weather Schedule

In case of inclement weather, the City of Fairfax Parks and Recreation Department follows the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) cancellation policy regarding programs, classes and Senior Center hours. *Parks and Recreation Department closures may differ from general city government service announcements.* [Click here for inclement weather cancellation information](#), or call 703-385-7858.

Closed — When FCPS closes due to weather conditions, the Senior Center closes and classes are cancelled.

Late Start — When FCPS delays opening for up to two hours, Senior Center opens at 9 a.m. Adult activities and classes begin at 9:30 a.m. and other classes/activities begin at 10 a.m. Classes scheduled before 10 a.m. are cancelled.

Early Dismissal — When FCPS closes early or cancels evening school activities, classes starting after 2 p.m. are cancelled.

Closures and schedule changes are announced on the city website, Cityscreen-12, and Fairfax City Alert. Senior Center: 703-273-6090.



2014 Business Recycling Report Due Online by March 1

City business owners are asked to submit their annual business recycling report to the city electronically between January 1 and March 1 using [a form on the city website](#). Information: 703-385-7837.

The report details actual or estimated weight or volume of recycled materials provided by the business' recycling vendors.

Commercial property owners who provide recycling services for their tenants must submit the information on behalf of those tenants.

Business owners who have received per-

mission from the city to use the city's recycling center for this purpose must submit a report with an estimate of their recycling amounts.

Home-based businesses do not submit reports; their refuse already is included in the city's annual municipal recycling report.

The report must be completed online. Free computer services and Internet access are available at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street.



The Cyclist Travels Outside

The iconic sculpture by Larry Morris has been installed on the City Hall campus, at George Mason Boulevard. The Commission on the Arts and Donegan Co. sponsored the public art, which previously was showcased in the City Hall Atrium. (Photo: Chris Cohen, City of Fairfax)

Deer Population Control Program Second Stage Scheduled to Begin in Late January

Wildlife specialists are scheduled to return to the city this month to continue a unique deer population control program.

The second stage of the program, expected to be launched in late January, includes evaluation of the city's current deer population and additional doe sterilization (as needed).

Last January, White Buffalo Inc. sterilized and tagged 18 does in the city, with the help of the City of Fairfax Police Department and Public Works Department.

In the second stage, wildlife specialists will locate the remaining deer using spot-

light searches and drawing them to specific areas with food. For the sterilization procedure, does are tranquilized; operated on in a secure, sterile environment; tagged and fitted with radio collars; monitored for recovery; and released into their native habitat. This will take place at night and is expected to involve 20-40 deer in a matter of weeks, weather permitting.

Using this unique program, the city aims to reduce and stabilize its deer population, which will in turn minimize deer-related landscape damage and traffic accidents. *Information:* 703-385-7925.



Place Holiday Greens Curbside for Collection

Give your live trees, garland and wreaths a chance to keep on giving after the holiday season ends.

Please place live greenery at the curb for disposal on your scheduled collection day, and be sure to remove all decorations and tinsel from trees, as well as wires from wreaths.

These materials are taken to the Fairfax County landfill to be made into mulch, which is available to city residents while supplies last.



Recycling Bins Available; Toters Permitted

City residents who receive city curbside recycling service from the city are provided special blue recycling bins for this purpose. Request new (or additional) recycling bins at WeCare@fairfaxva.gov or 703-385-7837.

City residents may use larger containers they supply themselves, which may be up to 35 gallons (typical refuse container-size) with lids. Please make sure they are clearly marked as "recycling." (If possible, please choose blue-colored containers so crews can easily identify them).

Recycling, Disposal Information Available

The Public Works Department has flyers available on the city website regarding refuse disposal and recycling:

- *How to Dispose of Items in the City*, and
- *Curbside Recycling is Easier Than Ever*.

Information: 703-293-7141.

INFORMATION: 703-385-7837

Plan for 2015 City Events, Holidays

Mark these special dates on your 2015 calendars. For information, call 703-385-7855.

Annual City-Sponsored Events

- **February 7-8:** Chocolate Lovers Festival
- **April 17 to May 9:** Spotlight on the Arts Festival
- **April:** Spring Cleanup Month
- **April 25:** Fairfax Civil War Day
- **May 8:** Mother/Son Campout
- **June 13:** Father-Daughter Dance
- **July 4:** Independence Day Parade, Old Fashioned Fireman's Day, Evening Show with fireworks
- **August 4:** National Night Out
- **September 27 to October 3:** Fall for the Book
- **October 10:** Fall Festival
- **November 21-22:** Holiday Craft Show
- **December 5:** Festival of Lights and Carols

Government-Observed Holidays (city government offices closed)

- **January 1:** New Year's Day
- **January 19:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- **February 16:** George Washington Day
- **May 25:** Memorial Day
- **July 3:** Independence Day (*observed*)
- **September 7:** Labor Day
- **November 11:** Veterans Day
- **November 26:** Thanksgiving Day
- **November 27:** Thanksgiving holiday
- **December 24:** Christmas Eve (*offices close at noon*)
- **December 25:** Christmas Day

Download the City Mobile App Today

Take the City of Fairfax wherever you go, courtesy of the city's free app, available on iOS and Android platforms. Contact the Mayor and City Council, catch up on city news, connect with the city's social media accounts, find parks and schools — and more. Information: www.fairfaxva.gov/mobileapp.



Real Estate Tax Relief, Rent Relief Available

The City of Fairfax provides real estate tax and rent relief for senior citizens or city residents with permanent or total disabilities. Applications for these programs are available from the Finance Department. Information: 703-359-2486.

For real estate tax relief, the combined gross household income limit is \$72,000 and the current asset limit is \$340,000. Different types of real estate tax relief are granted on a sliding scale based on income.

Qualified homeowners may choose *basic tax relief* (full or partial tax relief), *tax deferral*, *tax freeze*; or *combination tax*

freeze and deferral. Information is mailed to city residents in tax assessment notices, which will be mailed in February.

Virginia offers a real estate tax exemption for the primary residence of certain disabled veterans and their surviving spouses. The veteran must be declared 100 percent service-connected, permanently and totally disabled by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Rent relief is available for senior citizens or renters with permanent or total disabilities. Current year information about the program, including the benefit and income limit, will be determined during the fiscal year budget hearings this spring.



Donation Bins Accept Clothes, Household Items

After the holidays, find a new home for unneeded household items and clothes at the City of Fairfax Recycling Center, 3410 Pickett Road.

Use the distinctive blue bins (*pictured, above*) to drop off items in usable condition, including clean clothing and shoes, electronics, books, videos, tools, dishes and more. Package items as needed and keep multiple parts of an item together. Please, no fragile or perishable items.

All items must fit inside the bins, so please package accordingly.

Items are collected by World Trade Company (WTC2), which, in turn, sells items to foreign countries.

A portion of the profits from the sales benefits Goodwill, and the city receives 5¢ per pound of materials collected.

Information: 703-385-7995. (*Photo: Chris Cohen, City of Fairfax.*)

Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards

- Board of Architectural Review (one vacancy)
- Board of Equalization of Real Estate Assessments (one vacancy)
- Commission for Women (one vacancy)
- Community Appearance Committee (one vacancy)
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (one vacancy)

Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission. Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required. Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Burrell. Vacancies are subject to change. Prospective applicants who represent diverse or minority groups are especially encouraged to apply. Information: 703-385-7935.



CITYSCREEN SCHEDULE

The Fairfax Scene

Highlights from the 2014 Festival of Lights and Carols

Daily: 2 pm, 6 pm through January 14

Highlights from the Vision Fairfax Mason Charrette

Daily: 2 pm, 6 pm beginning January 15

Archived online: "special programming."

Available on city's YouTube channel

School Board

 Monday, January 5, 7:30 pm, LIVE replays:

Tuesday, January 6, 10 am

Thursday, January 8, 10 am, 7 pm

Monday, January 19, 10 am, 7 pm

Tuesday, January 20, 10 am, 7 pm

Thursday, January 21, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online January 6

City Council

 Tuesday, January 6, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Wednesday, January 7, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, January 9, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, January 10, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, January 11, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online January 7



Tuesday, January 13, 7 pm, LIVE

replays:

Wednesday, January 14, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, January 16, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, January 17, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, January 18, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online January 14

OnDEMAND January 21



Tuesday, January 27, 7 pm, LIVE

replays:

Wednesday, January 28, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, January 30, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, January 31, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, February 1, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online January 28

OnDEMAND February 4

Planning Commission



Monday, January 12, 7 pm, LIVE

replays:

Tuesday, January 13, 10 am

Thursday, January 15, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online January 13



Monday, January 26, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Tuesday, January 27, 10 am

Thursday, January 29, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online January 27

Vision Fairfax Mason Charrette Final Presentation

Watch a replay of the final presentation by consultants at the November 8 Vision Fairfax Mason charrette. The replay will be shown at 10 am and 7 pm on days when city government meetings and replays are not scheduled.

Meetings, Programs Available for Loan and Purchase

Cityscreen-12 programs, including televised city meetings, are available for loan on Blu-ray and DVD from the City Manager's Office (703-385-7855; WeCare@fairfaxva.gov). Blu-ray and DVD copies of some programs may be purchased for \$15 each. *(Please note: some programs may not be available for purchase.)* Programs may be recorded for private viewing. Information: Rachael.Roth@fairfaxva.gov, 703-385-7803.

Proposed Agendas: School Board, City Council, Planning Commission

School Board (Information: 703-385-7910)

January 5 regular meeting

- Presentations: Spotlight on Learning, Providence Elementary School
- Student representative report.
- Public hearing on and approval of the school superintendent's proposed school budget for fiscal year 2015-16.
- Approval of a resolution supporting public education funding.
- Appointment to Environmental Sustainability Committee.

January 26 work session

- Review of superintendent's evaluation form.
- Presentation on the All-Night Graduation contribution.

City Council (Information: 703-385-7935)

January 6 work session

- Joint discussion with the Planning Commission on the land use application and text amendment for a residential planned development at 3979 Oak Street.
- Discussions: of a request for a special use permit and associated special exceptions to re-authorize a grocery store in a building of reduced size at 3226 and 3250 Old Lee Highway; of the Chain Bridge Road sidewalk concept plan; of the Roberts Road sidewalk concept plan; of a

lease extension for Main Street Child Care Center at the Green Acres Center.

- Presentation of the Tischler Fiscal Impact Model.

January 13 regular meeting

- Public hearings: on an appropriation resolution for \$25,500 to fund the World Police and Fire Games Cycling Criterium and Muster.
- Public hearing on an ordinance authorizing "quick-take" condemnation of a permanent drainage easement at 10530 Fairfax Boulevard, condemnation of various easements at 10300 Eaton Place condemnation of a public street dedication and various easements at 3580-3590 Chain Bridge Road, 3570 Chain Bridge Road, 3575 Chain Bridge Road, 10464 and 10470 Fairfax Boulevard, 10480 Fairfax Boulevard, 10460 Fairfax Boulevard, 10450 Fairfax Boulevard, 10334-10412 Fairfax Boulevard, 10579 Fairfax Boulevard, 10565 Fairfax Boulevard, 10521 Fairfax Boulevard, 3600 Chain Bridge Road, 10485 Fairfax Boulevard, and 10325 Fairfax Boulevard.
- Public hearing on a request for a special use permit to install a telecommunication device at 10301 Democracy Lane.
- Public hearing on a request for a dancing and entertainment special use permit renewal at

10560 Main Street.

January 27 regular meeting

- Public hearing on a request for a special exception to allow ground mounted signage at 9940 Fairfax Boulevard.
- Public hearing on a request for special use permits and associated special exceptions to re-authorize a grocery store at 3226 and 3250 Old Lee Highway.
- Public hearings: on a request for a special use permit to install a telecommunication device on the Fairfax Building; on a request for a special use permit to install a telecommunication device on the Fairfax Building.

Planning Commission (Information: 703-385-7930)

January 12 regular meeting

- Review of chapters 1-3 of the Fairfax Boulevard Master Plan.
- Consideration of the 2014 *Annual Report*.
- Nomination and election of chair, vice chair.
- Appointments to boards and commissions.

January 26 regular meeting

- Public hearing on a request to allow the redevelopment of 11101 and 11091 Fairfax Boulevard and 11160 Lee Highway.

Please note: proposed agendas and other meeting information are subject to change. Please confirm prior to the meeting: information will be available on the city website or by phone at the number listed above.



Summary of City Council meeting actions. For a complete copy, or for the minutes of meetings, call 703-385-7935.

City Council Reporter

November 18, 2014

Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously: Consideration of a resolution amending Resolution R-09-29 establishing an Environmental Sustainability Committee for the City of Fairfax; Consideration of a resolution amending the Legacy for Fairfax donation program to include options for Old Town Square; Consideration of a resolution to approve the city's submission to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority for fiscal years 2016-21 Regional Surface Transportation Program Funding; Introduction of an ordinance amending City Code pertaining to the care of companion animals.

Public hearings

- Approved, unanimously, a request of Rebeck Companies for special use permits and special exceptions at 10100 Fairfax Boulevard, subject to conditions.
- Approved, unanimously, a request of The

Lamb Center for a special use permit and subdivision variances at 3160 and 3168 Campbell Drive, subject to conditions.

- Approved, unanimously, a request of Forrest Higginbotham/Lowe's Home Centers, LLC, for a special exception at 4080 Jermantown Road, subject to conditions.
- Approved, unanimously, adoption of the proposed budget guidelines to be used in the preparation of the fiscal year 2015-16 operating budget.

Items not requiring a public hearing

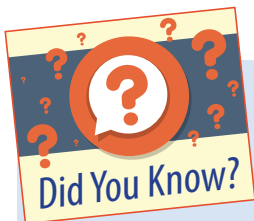
- Approved, unanimously, the 2015 Legislative Program.

Actions out of closed meeting/Appointments to boards and commissions

- Appointed Patricia Addison to the Commission for Women for a three-year term.
- Reappointed Jagdish Pathela to the

Board of Architectural Review for a three-year term.

- Reappointed Judith Blaine-Stewart to the Board of Equalization for a three-year term.
- Reappointed Edward Calabria to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five-year term.
- Reappointed Armistice Turtora, Robert Hickey, and Randolph Lytton to the Commission on the Arts, each for three-year terms.
- Reappointed Gail Wade, Helen Hester-Ossa, and Kirk Holley to the Community Appearance Committee, each for three-year terms.
- Reappointed Chris Todd to the Economic Development Authority for a four-year term.
- Reappointed John Norce to the Health Systems Agency for a three-year term.
- Reappointed Penelope Rood to Historic Fairfax City, Inc. for a five-year term.
- Reappointed David Berenbaum to the Planning Commission for a four-year term.



Interest-Free Loans Available for Home Improvements

After many years, homes that once were modern and efficient may no longer meet the needs of their owners. However, qualified homeowners may have an option, thanks to the non-profit City of Fairfax Renaissance Housing Corporation (FRHC).

FRHC, in conjunction with a local partnering bank, makes available to qualified homeowners two-year home improvement loans of as much as \$250,000 with no interest paid by the borrower for the term of the loan.

Owners of detached single family homes who are thinking about home improvements, including upgrading the residence, make it more energy efficient and "green" or modify it to age-in-place, may consider this

program that can make home improvements more affordable.

These loans are not income-sensitive and are available for modernizing or repairing City of Fairfax single family homes built at least 10 years ago.

Homes must display a need, such as exterior or interior deterioration, functional obsolescence or lack of amenities found in today's new homes.

The homeowner must reside at the property being renovated and must remain in the home for at least three years from the loan closing date.

As much as one quarter of the loan may be required to fund exterior improvements. *Information:* 703-385-2494.

Information Resources

City website

www.fairfaxva.gov

24-hour access, updates

Cityscreen-12

Channel 12 on cable television

and *city website*

24-hour access, updates

Fairfax City Alert message system

messages sent to subscribers

via e-mail, pager, text and phone

24-hour access, updates

City newsline

703-273-1776

recorded information

24-hour access, updates

General Information

703-385-7855 (TTY: 711)

regular business hours

Community Calendar

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

City Government Information 703-585-7855
 City News and Events 703-273-1776
 Arts and Cultural Events 703-352-ARTS
 City of Fairfax Regional Library 703-293-6227
 Civil War Interpretive Center 703-591-0560
 Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center 703-385-8414
 George Mason University Events 703-993-1056

Calendar information is subject to last-minute change.

Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in the city. Information: today.gmu.edu, 703-993-1056

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Refuse and recyclables are not collected

New Year's Day: City government offices closed; General District Court closed; no CUE Bus service; Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center closed; Historic Blenheim closed


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Thursday and Friday refuse and recycling routes collected

General District Court closed
 Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)

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Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall

 School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex

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 City Council work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex
 Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Center

8

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

9

Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)
 The Bravura Ensemble - Chamber Music Classics, 8 pm, Old Town Hall

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Swing Dances at Sherwood, 8 pm (free lessons at 7:30 pm), Sherwood Center

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Experiment in Freedom: Arlington's Freedman's Village, 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center

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Spring semester begins at Northern Virginia Community College



 Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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 City Council meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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Economic Development Authority meeting, 6 pm, Mason Enterprise Center
 Historic Fairfax City, Inc. meeting, 7 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim
 Spotlight on the Arts Steering Committee meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Center

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Friday Morning Music Club, 11 am, Old Town Hall
 Independence Day Celebration Committee, 7 pm, City Hall
 City of Fairfax Republican Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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Lee-Jackson Day (state holiday): city government offices open; General District Court closed
 Frozen Movie Sing-Along and Craft Event, 6 pm, Sherwood Center
 Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)

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Refuse and recyclables are not collected
 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: city government offices closed; General District Court closed; CUE Bus — modified weekday service; Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center open

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Monday and Tuesday refuse and recycling routes collected
 Spring semester begins at George Mason University
 Commission on the Arts, 7 pm, Sherwood Center
 Commission for Women meeting, 7:15 pm, City Hall

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Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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Community Appearance Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex


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Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)
 Mpango - Portraits for Wind Ensembles, 8 pm, Old Town Hall

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Honoring President Robert E. Lee (in his post-Civil War role as president of a Virginia college), 2 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim

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 Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex
 School Board work session, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School

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 City Council meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee meeting, 7 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim

29**30**

Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)

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Para solicitar ayuda con servicios de la ciudad o preguntas sobre esta publicación, por favor llame al 703-385-7800.

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City Happenings

Launch the New Year With History Talks

Find out about *Experiment in Freedom: Arlington's Freedman's Village* at 2 p.m. January 11 at a free discussion at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street. *Information:* 703-385-8414.

Enjoy a free talk on *Honoring President Robert E. Lee* (in his post Civil War role as president of a Virginia college) at 2 p.m. January 24 at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway. *Information:* 703-591-0560.

Frozen Sing-Along and Craft Event Set for January 16

Do you want to build a snowman? Make Frozen-related crafts at the *Frozen* event January 16 at the Sherwood Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway.

The craft event, complete with *Frozen* sandwiches and snacks, begins at 6 p.m. (and costs \$12 per child). The movie and sing-along that follow at 7 p.m. are free. Moviegoers may wish to bring their own snacks —

and, from 7-9 p.m., Our Daily Bread will accept donations of non-perishable food items. *Information:* 703-385-7858.

Chocolate Cakes and Sculptures Sought; Valentines Available

Professional and amateur chefs of all ages are encouraged to participate in the Chocolate Challenge February 7-8 as part of the Chocolate Lovers Festival.

Chefs submit works and tastes of art as the area's most talented chefs and chocolatiers judge the delectable submissions in numerous categories. Applications, due by February 5, are available on the Chocolate Lovers Festival website (www.chocolatefestival.net), or call 703-385-7858.

Chocolate Lovers Festival valentines (pictured, right) are available at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center and at City



Hall, Room 123 and Room 316. Cost is \$5 each and includes a coupon for five pogs at the Taste of Chocolate.

Vendor Applications Accepted for City Events

The City of Fairfax seeks applications for vendors at three city events. Food vendors are sought for the Independence Day activities July 4, and craft and food vendors are sought for the Fall Festival October 10 and the Holiday Craft Show November 21-22.

Applications are due March 13 and are *available on the city's website*.

Independence Day Theme Salutes First Responders

The Independence Day Celebration Committee has announced this year's theme is "Saluting Our First Responders," to tie in with the 2015 World Police and Fire Games scheduled June 26 to July 5.

Independence Day celebration July 4 features numerous events, including a parade, fireworks, music and more. *Information:* 703-385-7858.